

WHY WAS MY LICENSE SUSPENDED?

When is a license suspended?

The license suspension referral begins if you owe more than 90 days worth of child support payments.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

If you owe more than 90 days worth of child support payments, you will receive a notice of non-compliance.

The *first* notice of non-compliance is a notice sent to your last known address informing you of several ways you have to avoid license suspension. You have 30 days to answer this notice.

If you do not answer the first notice, a *second* notice, called the certification of non-compliance is sent to your last known address informing you of several ways you have to comply.

These notices are sent out to the most recent address listed on your case. You should tell us of any address change or you will not receive important information on your case.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I RECEIVE THE FIRST NOTICE?

You have several options:

1. You can pay **all** the past due child support.
2. If you cannot pay all the past due support, you can request an appointment to enter into a written payment agreement. **(This option is only available one time per case.)**
3. You may request a hearing in Family Court, if you believe you are in compliance with your court order.
4. You may file a motion with the RI Family Court to modify your support order.

If you request a hearing or you file a motion before you receive the second notice, all license suspension activity will be postponed until after the hearing date.

It is your responsibility to bring a copy of the motion you filed to the Office of Child Support Services.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I RECEIVE THE SECOND NOTICE?

You can request a hearing at Family Court, but your license may be suspended prior to your court date.

WHAT IS A WRITTEN PAYMENT AGREEMENT?

A Written Payment Agreement is an agreement to pay a weekly amount towards the back support. It allows you to make a lump sum payment of the total amount owed. Once signed, this becomes a valid court order. You can only enter into a written payment agreement **one time** per case.

WHAT IS A COMPLIANCE FORM?

You will receive a letter of compliance when you enter into a written payment agreement. If you become compliant after your license has been suspended, then you need to take a copy of the compliance form to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (Operator Control) and pay the reinstatement fee. _____

WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY REINSTATEMENT FEES?

The Registry of Motor Vehicles charges a fee to reinstate your driver's license and any registrations. The fee to have your driver's license reinstated is \$151.50. For each registration reinstatement the fee is \$251.50.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. Always update your address with the Office of Child Support Services.**
- 2. Contact Child Support Services immediately upon receipt of the first notice.**
- 3. Once your license is suspended in Rhode Island the**

suspension is effective throughout the country, and all states have reciprocity.



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